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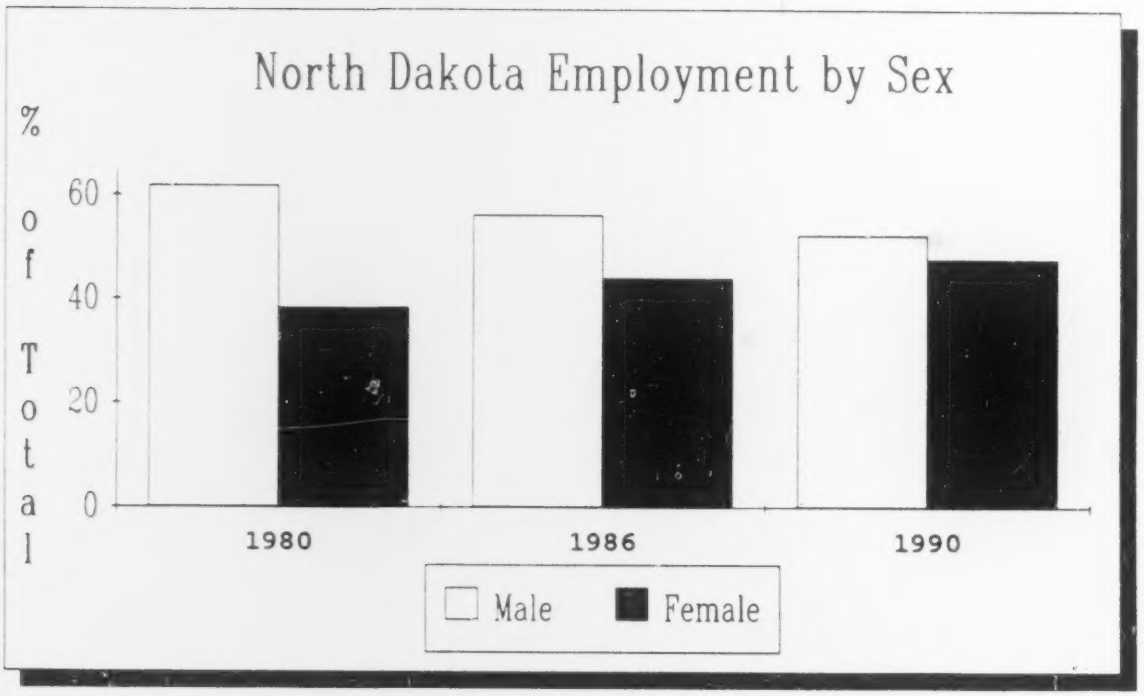

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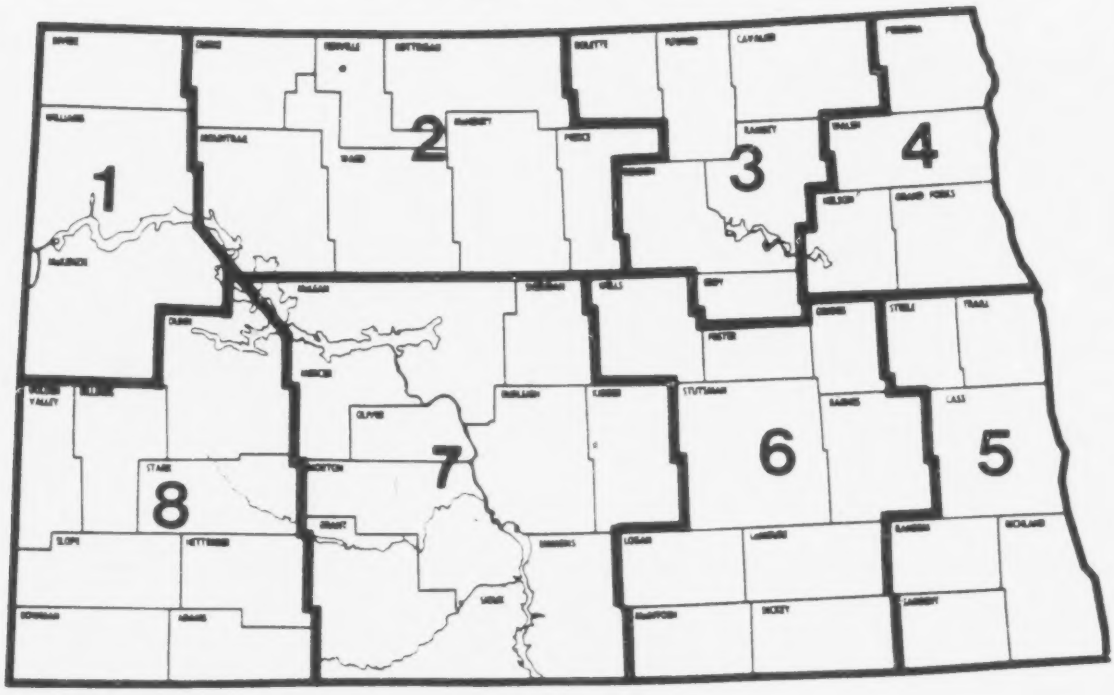

STATE PLANNING REGIONS

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North Dakota's Population and Labor Force

Several processes have been shaping the character of North Dakota's population and labor force since the beginning of the decade:

1. The proportion of the total adult population either working or looking for work has increased substantially.

2. Women hold a growing share of jobs in North Dakota.

3. The number of youth available to enter the labor force has sharply decreased.

4. There has been an increase in the economic pressure for out-migration.

5. The labor force is becoming more mature.

In the next few paragraphs we will look at the above items in more detail. It should be noted that in this limited space we will not try to explain why these phenomena are occurring but merely present more details relating to the summary statements above.

The proportion of North Dakota's adult civilian population either working or looking for work now exceeds the national average. Participation rates for males in North Dakota have tended to remain marginally higher and run contrary to national trends. The proportion of all civilian males in North Dakota in the labor market, aged 16 or more, stood at 78.6 percent (77.4% nationally) at the beginning of the decade, and remained at 78.9 percent (76.3% nationally) in 1986.

As a result of increased employment, the female share of all individuals employed in the state rose from 38.2 to 43.9 percent of all job holders between 1980 and 1986. If this rate of growth in female employment is extended from 1986 to 1990, females will be responsible for 47.7 percent of all job holding in North Dakota. In some communities (certain major trade centers), more than half of the jobs are held by females.

Increased female participation in the labor force has taken place at a time when the number of youth available to enter tne labor market has decreased substantially.

Historic factors associated with an increasing share of the female population entering the labor force are related to the growth in divorce rates, smaller family size, delayed child bearing and childlessness, and an increase in the number of individuals delaying marriage or never marrying.

In North Dakota there are several economic factors that attract women to the labor force. While the goods-producing industries such as mining and construction are male-dominated industries, females dominate the ever expanding services-producing industries. Employment in the personal services industry is over 80 percent female, and in professional and related industries, over 68 percent of the employment is female.

Higher participation rates in North Dakota may signal the loss of population. Individuals without jobs may have withdrawn from the labor market by leaving the state. Those who remain either have a job, or have a strong prospect of gaining one. One estimate suggests that net migration from North Dakota, from 1985 to 1986, stood at 5,745 persons.

New job opportunities are increasingly found in more urbanized settings. In 1986, for example, 77.3 percent of the jobs in the growing services industry in Region IV were found in Grand Forks County.

In addition to job opportunities, average earnings in urban trade centers tend to be higher than in more rural counties. A combination of comparatively low average earnings opportunities in rural areas, and job growth in more urbanized settings, creates additional inducements for migration from less populated counties to more urbanized areas in the state.

During the remainder of the decade, employment opportunities are likely to be found in industries which have traditionally been more urbanized and which have hired females.

North Dakota's labor force is maturing for two reasons: 1) the aging of the baby boom generation, and 2) it appears that many middle-aged members of the boom generation, who formed families and had children, have left. Also, younger members of the boom generation, unable to establish themselves in a sluggish labor market, seem more likely still to follow historical precedent and search elsewhere for employment.

The preceding summaries were gleaned from the pages of a new publication that Job Service North Dakota is now distributing called the 1988 Annual Planning Report. If you are not presently receiving this publication but would like to obtain a copy, please call the Research and Statistics Section toll-free in North Dakota at 1-800-732-9787. Local inquiries or calls from out of state should call (701) 224-2868. Specific questions concerning the data can be directed to Mr. Tom Gallagher who was the primary researcher of the Annual Planning Report.

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NORTH DAKOTA

(Rounded to Hundreds)

I N D U S T R I E S	CURRENT MONTH JAN 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH DEC 1987	ONE YEAR AGO JAN 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH DEC 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR JAN 1987
TOTAL	248,850	254,350	243,600	-2.2%	2.2%
MINING	4,250	4,200	3,650	1.2%	16.4%
COAL	1,050	1,050	1,100	0.0%	-4.5%
CRUDE PET. & NAT. GAS	3,000	2,900	2,400	3.4%	25.0%
OTHER MINING	200	250	150	-20.0%	33.3%
CONSTRUCTION	7,650	9,000	7,750	-15.0%	-1.3%
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	2,300	2,600	2,300	-11.5%	0.0%
STREET HIGHWAY & HEAVY	1,150	1,600	1,250	-28.1%	-8.0%
SPECIAL TRADE CONSTRUCTION	4,200	4,800	4,200	-12.5%	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	15,950	15,850	14,950	0.6%	6.7%
DURABLE GOODS	6,500	6,500	5,750	0.0%	13.0%
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	400	500	450	-20.0%	-11.1%
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	800	800	700	0.0%	14.3%
MACHINERY & TRANS. EQUIP.	3,900	3,900	3,400	0.0%	14.7%
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	1,400	1,300	1,200	7.7%	16.7%
NONDURABLE GOODS	9,450	9,350	9,200	1.1%	2.7%
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	4,650	4,550	4,800	2.2%	-3.1%
DAIRY PRODUCTS	750	750	750	0.0%	0.0%
FOOD SPECIALITIES & CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS	1,800	1,850	2,000	-2.7%	-10.0%
BAKERY PRODUCTS	350	350	350	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER FOOD & KINDRED	1,750	1,600	1,700	9.4%	2.9%
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2,400	2,400	2,300	0.0%	4.3%
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	2,400	2,400	2,100	0.0%	14.3%
TRANS. COMM. & UTILITIES	16,000	16,300	15,900	-1.8%	0.6%
TRANSPORTATION	8,100	8,300	7,900	-2.4%	2.5%
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSE	4,600	4,800	4,500	-4.2%	2.2%
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	3,500	3,500	3,400	0.0%	2.9%
COMMUNICATION	3,200	3,200	3,200	0.0%	0.0%
UTILITIES	4,700	4,800	4,800	-2.1%	-2.1%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

NORTH DAKOTA

(Continued)

I N D U S T R I E S	CURRENT MONTH JAN 1988	PREVIOUS MONTH DEC 1987	ONE YEAR AGO JAN 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH DEC 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR JAN 1987
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,100	19,500	18,900	-2.1%	1.1%
DURABLE GOODS	9,000	9,200	8,800	-2.2%	2.3%
NONDURABLE GOODS	10,100	10,300	10,100	-1.9%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	47,600	49,300	46,300	-3.4%	2.8%
GENERAL MERCHANDISE	6,600	7,000	6,300	-5.7%	4.8%
FOOD STORES	6,600	6,700	6,500	-1.5%	1.5%
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE ST.	6,500	6,500	6,500	0.0%	0.0%
APPAREL & ACCESSORIES	2,700	2,800	2,600	-3.6%	3.8%
OTHER RETAIL	25,200	26,300	24,400	-4.2%	3.3%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	12,200	12,400	12,450	-1.6%	-2.0%
FINANCE	6,700	6,800	6,900	-1.5%	-2.9%
BANKING	4,200	4,200	4,200	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER FINANCE	2,500	2,600	2,700	-3.8%	-7.4%
INSURANCE	3,800	3,800	3,800	0.0%	0.0%
REAL ESTATE	1,700	1,800	1,750	-5.6%	-2.9%
SERVICES	61,300	61,700	59,100	-0.6%	3.7%
LODGING	4,000	4,100	4,000	-2.4%	0.0%
HEALTH SERVICES	26,400	26,400	25,600	0.0%	3.1%
NURSING CARE & HOSPITALS	19,400	19,400	18,900	0.0%	2.6%
OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES	7,000	7,000	6,700	0.0%	4.5%
OTHER SERVICES	30,900	31,200	29,500	-1.0%	4.7%
GOVERNMENT	64,800	66,100	64,600	-2.0%	0.3%
FEDERAL	10,400	10,400	10,000	0.0%	4.0%
STATE GOVERNMENT	19,200	20,100	19,700	-4.5%	-2.5%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	12,600	13,400	12,700	-6.0%	-0.8%
OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT	6,600	6,700	7,000	-1.5%	-5.7%
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	35,200	35,600	34,900	-1.1%	0.9%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	17,700	17,900	17,500	-1.1%	1.1%
OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT	17,500	17,700	17,400	-1.1%	0.6%

NONAGRICULTURAL

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

I N D U S T R I E S	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	ONE YEAR AGO	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	JAN 1988	DEC 1987	JAN 1987	DEC 1987	JAN 1987
TOTAL	71,350	72,400	68,650	-1.5%	3.9%
MINING CONSTRUCTION	2,700	3,100	2,500	-12.9%	8.0%
MANUFACTURING	4,850	4,600	4,750	5.4%	2.1%
DURABLE GOODS	2,000	2,000	1,800	0.0%	11.1%
NONDURABLE GOODS	2,850	2,600	2,950	9.6%	-3.4%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	4,700	4,700	4,300	0.0%	9.3%
TRADE	20,700	21,500	20,200	-3.7%	2.5%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,500	6,600	6,500	-1.5%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	14,200	14,900	13,700	-4.7%	3.6%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4,500	4,500	4,300	0.0%	4.7%
SERVICES	19,300	19,400	18,400	-0.5%	4.9%
GOVERNMENT	14,600	14,600	14,200	0.0%	2.8%
FEDERAL	2,200	2,200	2,100	0.0%	4.8%
STATE & LOCAL	12,400	12,400	12,100	0.0%	2.5%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	29,300	30,600	28,500	-4.2%	2.8%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,100	1,250	1,250	-12.0%	-12.0%
MANUFACTURING	1,650	1,650	1,500	0.0%	10.0%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	1,550	1,600	1,550	-3.1%	0.0%
TRADE	8,200	8,550	8,000	-4.1%	2.5%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,500	1,550	1,400	-3.2%	7.1%
RETAIL TRADE	6,700	7,000	6,600	-4.3%	1.5%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,100	1,150	1,100	-4.3%	0.0%
SERVICES	6,800	6,800	6,300	0.0%	7.9%
GOVERNMENT	8,900	9,600	8,800	-7.3%	1.1%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	36,150	36,800	35,800	-1.8%	1.0%
MINING	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	1,150	1,300	1,200	-11.5%	-4.2%
MANUFACTURING	1,900	1,900	1,850	0.0%	2.7%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	2,700	2,700	2,600	0.0%	3.8%
TRADE	9,700	10,000	9,500	-3.0%	2.1%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	7,600	7,900	7,400	-3.8%	2.7%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,600	1,600	1,650	0.0%	-3.0%
SERVICES	10,600	10,600	10,400	0.0%	1.9%
GOVERNMENT	8,300	8,500	8,400	-2.4%	-1.2%

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1982=100)

	Annual Average 1987	Jan 1988	Dec 1987	Jan 1987	Percent Change From Dec 1987	Percent Change From Jan 1987
All Items	113.6	115.7	115.4	111.2	0.3%	4.0%
Food & Beverage	113.5	115.7	114.8	112.1	0.8%	3.2%
Housing	114.2	116.2	115.6	112.0	0.5%	3.8%
Apparel & Upkeep	110.6	110.4	112.7	105.6	-2.0%	4.5%
Transportation	105.4	107.1	107.6	102.6	-0.5%	4.4%
Medical Care	130.1	134.4	133.1	126.6	1.0%	6.2%
Entertainment	115.3	118.1	117.4	113.3	0.6%	4.2%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

	Annual Average 1987	Jan 1988	Dec 1987	Jan 1987	Percent Change From Dec 1987	Percent Change From Jan 1987
All Commodities	N/A	104.5	104.1	100.5	0.4%	4.0%
Farm Products & Processed Food and Feeds	N/A	105.3	103.9	101.1	1.3%	4.2%
Industrial Commodities	N/A	104.3	104.1	100.4	0.2%	3.9%

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan 1988	Dec 1987	Jan 1987	Jan 1988	Dec 1987	Jan 1987	Jan 1988	Dec 1987	Jan 1987
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	413.69	421.34	401.47	41.0	41.8	40.8	10.09	10.08	9.84
Durable Goods	441.15	451.78	430.77	41.5	42.5	41.5	10.63	10.63	10.38
Nondurable Goods	375.07	381.71	362.69	40.2	41.0	39.9	9.33	9.31	9.09
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	317.22	327.21	319.96	37.9	39.0	38.0	8.37	8.39	8.42
Durable Goods	332.23	355.19	339.96	38.1	40.5	38.5	8.72	8.77	8.83
Nondurable Goods	306.88	308.13	309.96	37.7	37.9	37.8	8.14	8.13	8.20
Food & Kindred	315.56	320.26	308.77	39.2	39.2	38.5	8.05	8.17	8.02
Printing and Publishing	267.32	269.64	252.77	31.9	32.1	30.2	8.38	8.40	8.37
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	297.93	340.47	311.58	36.2	39.0	36.7	8.23	8.73	8.49
Durable Goods	267.58	339.47	313.90	34.0	39.2	36.5	7.87	8.66	8.60
Nondurable Goods	319.79	341.44	311.07	37.8	38.8	36.9	8.46	8.80	8.43

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	Jan'88	Dec'87	Jan'87	Jan'88	Dec'87	Jan'87	1/88	12/87	1/87	1/88	12/87	1/87
Divide	1,439	1,529	1,449	1,374	1,457	1,338	65	72	111	4.5%	4.7%	7.7%
McKenzie	2,907	2,934	3,043	2,673	2,806	2,741	234	128	302	8.0%	4.4%	9.9%
Williams	10,192	10,594	11,961	9,439	10,087	10,241	753	507	1,720	7.4%	4.8%	14.4%
REGION 1	14,538	15,057	16,453	13,486	14,350	14,320	1,052	707	2,133	7.2%	4.7%	13.0%
Bottineau	3,578	3,666	3,605	3,263	3,443	3,284	315	223	321	8.8%	6.1%	8.9%
Burke	1,270	1,358	1,435	1,209	1,292	1,283	61	66	152	4.8%	4.9%	10.6%
McHenry	2,786	2,706	2,906	2,248	2,341	2,393	538	365	513	19.3%	13.5%	17.7%
Mountrail	3,249	3,216	3,366	2,910	2,999	2,960	339	217	406	10.4%	6.7%	12.1%
Pierce	2,395	2,435	2,462	2,200	2,301	2,277	195	134	185	8.1%	5.5%	7.5%
Renville	1,243	1,242	1,350	1,142	1,187	1,195	101	55	155	8.1%	4.4%	11.5%
Ward	25,401	25,746	25,459	23,493	24,356	23,470	1,908	1,390	1,989	7.5%	5.4%	7.8%
REGION 2	39,922	40,369	40,583	36,465	37,919	36,862	3,457	2,450	3,721	8.7%	6.1%	9.2%
Benson	3,025	3,071	3,240	2,695	2,812	2,862	330	259	378	10.9%	8.4%	11.7%
Cavalier	2,566	2,643	2,694	2,346	2,457	2,404	220	186	290	8.6%	7.0%	10.8%
Eddy	1,473	1,424	1,544	1,268	1,286	1,316	205	138	228	13.9%	9.7%	14.8%
Ramsey	6,554	6,623	6,466	6,072	6,283	5,989	482	340	477	7.4%	5.1%	7.4%
Rolette	5,031	4,829	5,044	3,841	4,014	4,254	1,190	815	790	23.7%	16.9%	15.7%
Towner	1,756	1,828	1,760	1,680	1,760	1,646	76	68	114	4.3%	3.7%	6.5%
REGION 3	20,405	20,418	20,748	17,902	18,612	18,471	2,503	1,806	2,277	12.3%	8.8%	11.0%
Grand Forks	36,041	37,281	35,313	34,214	35,846	33,666	1,827	1,435	1,647	5.1%	3.8%	4.7%
Nelson	1,966	1,958	2,090	1,732	1,804	1,848	234	154	242	11.9%	7.9%	11.6%
Pembina	4,770	4,881	5,143	4,136	4,449	4,336	634	432	807	13.3%	8.9%	15.7%
Walsh	7,436	7,476	7,791	6,924	7,132	7,284	512	344	507	6.9%	4.6%	6.5%
REGION 4	50,213	51,596	50,337	47,006	49,231	47,134	3,207	2,365	3,203	6.4%	4.6%	6.4%
Cass	59,618	60,985	58,103	57,367	58,994	55,753	2,251	1,991	2,350	3.8%	3.3%	4.0%
Ransom	2,646	2,680	2,679	2,512	2,562	2,557	134	118	122	5.1%	4.4%	4.6%
Richland	8,642	8,750	8,652	8,220	8,396	8,127	422	354	525	4.9%	4.0%	6.1%
Sargent	2,396	2,422	2,469	2,281	2,356	2,315	115	66	154	4.8%	2.7%	6.2%
Steele	1,106	1,109	1,140	1,063	1,076	1,064	43	33	76	3.9%	3.0%	6.7%
Traill	4,212	4,365	4,320	4,060	4,247	4,189	152	118	131	3.6%	2.7%	3.0%
REGION 5	78,620	80,311	77,363	75,503	77,631	74,005	3,117	2,680	3,358	4.0%	3.3%	4.3%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	Jan 1988	Dec 1987	Jan 1987	Jan 1988	Dec 1987	Jan 1987	Jan 1988	Dec 1987	Jan 1987	Jan 1988	Dec 1987	Jan 1987
Barnes	6,286	6,356	6,027	5,832	6,119	5,587	454	237	440	7.2%	3.7%	7.3%
Dickey	2,995	3,065	3,207	2,757	2,896	2,979	238	169	228	7.9%	5.5%	7.1%
Foster	2,056	2,087	2,140	1,891	1,972	1,943	165	115	197	8.0%	5.5%	9.2%
Griggs	1,520	1,534	1,472	1,404	1,469	1,403	116	65	69	7.6%	4.2%	4.7%
La Moure	2,414	2,470	2,401	2,268	2,367	2,266	146	103	135	6.0%	4.2%	5.6%
Logan	1,384	1,412	1,479	1,326	1,369	1,362	58	43	117	4.2%	3.0%	7.9%
McIntosh	2,156	2,209	2,201	2,080	2,141	2,090	76	68	111	3.5%	3.1%	5.0%
Stutsman	11,954	12,191	12,240	11,201	11,617	11,284	753	574	956	6.3%	4.7%	7.8%
Wells	2,874	2,891	2,925	2,556	2,675	2,615	318	216	310	11.1%	7.5%	10.6%
REGION 6	33,639	34,215	34,092	31,315	32,625	31,529	2,324	1,590	2,563	6.9%	4.6%	7.5%
Burleigh	32,706	32,833	32,448	30,460	31,314	30,166	2,246	1,519	2,282	6.9%	4.6%	7.0%
Emmons	2,149	2,161	2,224	1,947	2,033	1,999	202	128	225	9.4%	5.9%	10.1%
Grant	1,822	1,855	1,867	1,712	1,765	1,749	110	90	118	6.0%	4.9%	6.3%
Kidder	1,550	1,530	1,632	1,348	1,396	1,382	202	134	250	13.0%	8.8%	15.3%
McLean	4,909	4,739	4,636	4,427	4,443	4,162	482	296	474	9.8%	6.2%	10.2%
Mercer	5,491	5,371	5,622	4,881	4,967	5,061	610	404	561	11.1%	7.5%	10.0%
Morton	12,262	12,255	12,207	11,160	11,473	11,053	1,102	782	1,154	9.0%	6.4%	9.5%
Oliver	1,030	1,053	1,064	918	973	941	112	80	123	10.9%	7.6%	11.6%
Sheridan	1,059	1,073	1,155	961	989	1,027	98	84	128	9.3%	7.8%	11.1%
Sioux	1,344	1,406	1,343	1,221	1,278	1,206	123	128	137	9.2%	9.1%	10.2%
REGION 7	64,322	64,276	64,198	59,035	60,631	58,746	5,287	3,645	5,452	8.2%	5.7%	8.5%
Adams	1,696	1,764	1,750	1,631	1,713	1,675	65	51	75	3.8%	2.9%	4.3%
Billings	720	732	711	684	700	651	36	32	60	5.0%	4.4%	8.4%
Bowman	2,111	2,096	2,186	1,967	2,042	2,002	144	54	184	6.8%	2.6%	8.4%
Dunn	1,618	1,619	1,792	1,417	1,452	1,573	201	167	219	12.4%	10.3%	12.2%
Gldn Valley	1,010	1,031	1,027	964	999	978	46	32	49	4.6%	3.1%	4.8%
Hettinger	1,817	1,797	1,892	1,631	1,696	1,727	186	101	165	10.2%	5.6%	8.7%
Slope	437	415	467	377	393	402	60	22	65	13.7%	5.3%	13.9%
Stark	11,670	11,774	12,038	10,770	11,210	10,746	900	564	1,292	7.7%	4.8%	10.7%
REGION 8	21,079	21,228	21,863	19,441	20,205	19,754	1,638	1,023	2,109	7.8%	4.8%	9.6%
STATE TOTAL	322,738	327,470	325,632	300,153	311,204	300,819	22,585	16,266	24,813	7.0%	5.0%	7.6%

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	January 1988	December 1987	January 1987	Percent Change From December 1987	Percent Change From January 1987
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	122,924	122,472	120,782	0.4%	1.8%
Employment	115,878	115,494	112,759	0.3%	2.8%
Unemployment	7,046	6,978	8,023	1.0%	-12.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	5.7%	6.6%	xxx	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	322,740	327,470	325,640	-1.4%	-0.9%
Employment	300,150	311,200	300,820	-3.6%	-0.2%
Unemployment	22,590	16,270	24,820	38.8%	-9.0%
Unemployment Rate	7.0%	5.0%	7.6%	xxx	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	84,920	87,050	83,270	-2.4%	2.0%
Employment	81,150	83,560	79,200	-2.9%	2.5%
Unemployment	3,770	3,490	4,070	8.0%	-7.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.0%	4.9%	xxx	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	36,040	37,290	35,320	-3.4%	2.0%
Employment	34,210	35,850	33,670	-4.6%	1.6%
Unemployment	1,830	1,440	1,650	27.1%	10.9%
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	3.8%	4.7%	xxx	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	44,970	45,090	44,660	-0.3%	0.7%
Employment	41,620	42,790	41,220	-2.7%	1.0%
Unemployment	3,350	2,300	3,440	45.7%	-2.6%
Unemployment Rate	7.4%	5.1%	7.7%	xxx	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

DECEMBER 1987
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	327.5	339.6	2,250.0	396.9
Employment	311.2	323.5	2,112.3	365.8
Unemployment	16.3	16.1	137.7	31.1
Unemployment Rate	5.0%	4.7%	6.1%	7.8%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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